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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device, system and method for providing information on an exercise, which is surmised to be possibly overcome by a user, from among a plurality of exercises requiring the user to deal with characters within a time predetermined individually. In an information providing system, a storage unit stores data of the number of characters contained in sentences of examination questions for an examination as an exercise, a measuring unit measures an ability to read characters of a user. On the basis of a result of the measurement, a retrieval unit retrieves data of the examination such that the user can read through within the time which can be allocated for reading during the predetermined examination time. A result of the retrieval is output to the display unit as an output unit and an examination name is presented to the user. The user can obtain information on the examination, which is surmised to be possibly passed, from among a large number of examinations.